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**RESPONSE TO FINAL FILED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RCE**

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Final Office Action mailed July 16, 2009, which response is being made on January 19, 2010 (January 16 having been a Saturday and January 18 having been a Federal Holiday) and for which a three month extension of time fee is due and enclosed herewith.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also enclosed herewith.

Applicant submits this response for entry into the record, in which:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 15.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: